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(S) On November 9 Ambassador passed reftel paper to DFM Sergey Ryabkov, who argued that these consultations could be held only in Geneva. Diplomatic Consultant Mikhail Streltsov would be too busy in Moscow working on START-related issues to meet with PDAS Look, Ryabkov asserted. Because GOR experts in Geneva would be regularly consulted during any such discussions in Moscow, it only made sense to have the talks there, he said. Beyrle